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U.S. Patents.

D416,327	5,370,650	5,944,738
5,116,357	5,397,331	5,954,767
5,122,155	5,725,577*	6,066,776
5,141,515*	5,766,246	6,171,318
5,254,133*	5,769,864	6,174,320
5,258,000*	5,824,082	6,176,863
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Foreign Patent Publications

European Patent No. 0 544 485*
European Patent No. 0 888 756
International Publication No. WO 92/19162
International Publication No. WO 97/22310
International Publication No. WO 99/03422

The above-listed patents and patent publications that are designated with an asterisk ("*") are discussed in the background section of the present application. Except for International Publication No. WO 97/22310, all of the remaining patents and patent publications are English-language documents. While an English-language translation of International Publication No. WO 97/22310 is not presently available, applicant's attorney notes that it does contain an English-language abstract and offers to provide the United States Patent and Trademark Office with a full English-language translation upon the Examiner's request for same. In the foregoing circumstances, additional comments concerning the relevance of the foregoing patents and patent publications are considered unnecessary.

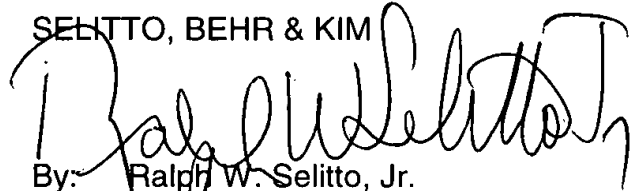
For the Examiner's convenience, applicant's attorney notes that: (1) European Patent Publication No. 0 544 485 is a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,258,000; (2) International Publication WO 92/19162 is a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 5,254,133; and (3) International Publication No. WO 99/03422 is a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 6,066,776.

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